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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA AND CHILE PRESENT THEIR CASES TO THE OAS

1. BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ORTIZ SANZ MADE A STATEMENT BEFORE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MARCH 22 INFORMING THE OTHER MEMBERS OF ITS REASONS FOR BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE. HIS PREPARED STATEMENT STATED THE CASE IN QUITE STRONG LANGUAGE. HE SAID, "TO SYSTEMATICALLY OBSTRUCT THE SOLUTION TO THE GEOGRAPHIC ENCLOSURE OF BOLIVIA CONSTITUTES A FORM OF AGGRESSION OF A PERMANENT CHARACTER AND OF CONTINENTAL IMPORTANCE". HE ENDED WITH A REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 3(E) OF THE OAS CHARTER WHICH
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STATES "THE AMERICAN STATES CONDEMN WARS OF AGGRESSION: VICTORY DOES NOT GIVE RIGHTS". HE CREDITED PERU WITH A FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE WHICH HE CONTRASTED WITH THAT OF CHILE.

2. CHILE AMBASSADOR OYARZUN RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO CHILE'S NOTE OF MARCH 18 INFORMING THE OAS MEMBERS OF

BOLIVIA'S DECISION TO RUPTURE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE NOTE SAID THAT BOLIVIA'S ACT IS "AIMED AT UNDERMINING INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION, AND THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES UPHELD IN THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION". HER STATEMENT WAS BASICALLY AN OUTLINE OF

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE RELATIONS WERE REESTABLISHED IN 1975. AMONG THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS SHE NOTED THAT PRESIDENTS BANZER AND PINOCHET HAD SPOKEN PERSONALLY LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN THEY WERE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES SIGNING CEREMONY. SHE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CHARACTERIZE PERU'S ROLE OR ATTITUDE.

3. NO OTHER DELEGATION TOOK THE FLOOR. THE BOLIVIAN AND CHILEAN STATEMENTS WERE FOR INFORMATION ONLY; NEITHER COUNTRY REQUESTED ANY ACTION OF ANY KIND. VANCE

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